

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Joseph CAUTHEN III	)	Group Art Unit: 3738
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Application No.: 10/075,615	)	Examiner: David J. Isabella
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Filed: February 15, 2002	)	Confirmation No.: 2841
	)	
For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS REPAIR	)	
RECONSTRUCTION METHOD AND	)	
SPINAL DISC ANNULUS STENT	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

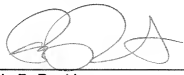
Applicants petition for a four-month extension of time to file a reply to the Office  
Action of November 30, 2006. A fee of \$1,590.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached  
reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Date: April 27, 2007

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